

REMARKS

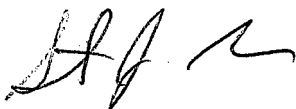
Claims 2-27, 30-37, and 54 are now pending in the above-identified application. Claims 2-4, 8-10, 13-17, 20-24, 30, 34-37, and 54 are currently amended. While Assignee does not concede any issues discussed with the Examiner, in order to advance prosecution of this application Assignee has amended the application as shown above. Assignee respectfully asserts that no prosecution history estoppel should result from these amendments because they are not narrowing amendments. For example, in claim 2 the term "operable" has been deleted. Assignee respectfully asserts that this amendment does not narrow claim 2, and may in fact broaden that claim's scope. In addition, other amendments may likewise broaden the scope of claimed subject matter. For example, in claim 15 the term "first transmitter" was changed to "transmitter." Again, Assignee respectfully asserts that this amendment does not narrow the scope of the claims and therefore should not result in prosecution history estoppel. Likewise, Assignee respectfully asserts that other similar amendments should not result in prosecution history estoppel for similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3703.

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